

REMARKS

(37 C.F.R. 1.116)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116, reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 are presently pending before the Office. No claims have been canceled. Claims 3 and 5 have been further amended to correct Formulas (IV) and (V). These Examiner is requested to incorporate by reference the arguments raised in Applicant's communication filed December 23, 2003.

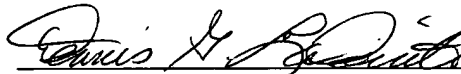
CONCLUSION

If based on the above arguments, the Examiner has a further suggestion for amending the claims so as to overcome the cited references, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Very respectfully,

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